

Arizona Apprenticeship Advisory Committee (AAAC)

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Special Call Meeting

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

8:00 am

Meeting Minutes

(Draft manuscript. Subject to approval at the next meeting.)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (Virtually)

Mr. Dennis Anthony, Chairman (Arizona Public Service)

Mr. Frank Grijalva (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - IBEW International)

Ms. Melissa Huffman (City of Phoenix)

Mr. Paul Cozza (TechOne IT)

Mr. Charles Hankins (Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station)(PVNGS)

Ms. Karen King (Training Director, Tucson Electrical JATC)

Mr. Tom Dunn (Arizona Builders Alliance)

Ms. Denise Kingman (Pima Community College)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Linda Vedo (Central Arizona Project Apprenticeship Coordinator)

Mr. Rob Stenson (City of Phoenix ARIZONA@WORK)

Ms. Cindy Gutierrez (Arizona Department of Education Career and Technical Education)

Vacancy (Arizona Industrial Commission)

STAFF PRESENT for Department of Economic Security/Registration Agency

William (Willie) Higgins, Arizona Apprenticeship Office (State Apprenticeship Program Lead)

Cheri Czerwinski, Arizona Apprenticeship Office (Regional Program Manager)

Joann Bueno, Arizona Apprenticeship Office (Apprenticeship Training Representative)

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Anthony called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Anthony welcomed all committee members.

APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS CEREMONY

Mr. Anthony discussed how the current outbreak of the Delta variant of Covid-19 has put several companies and organizations back to having strict Covid-19 protocols and restrictions. These restrictions have now posed challenges for the Committee to host the Annual Apprenticeship Awards Ceremonies scheduled for November. Mr. Anthony asked the attending committee members for their thoughts on hosting the 2021 ceremony at the resort that was booked for the event.

Ms. King mentioned there have not been many reservations made at this time. If the committee decide to postpone or cancel the event, it would be easier to return funds to those organizations.

Mr. Hankins let the committee know that PVNGS has restricted all public meetings for their workforce and will not be supporting this years event due to the pandemic.

Ms. Huffman asked the Committee if they would be open to hosting a virtual event. Ms. Huffman also added, many programs, independently, have decided to honor their outstanding apprentices with their own recognition events.

Mr. Cozza also expressed an interest in investigating the possibility of a virtual event for the first quarter of 2022. This discussion point will be added to future agendas of the AAAC.

Mr. Anthony added he is not in favor of the idea of a virtual event at this time considering the difficulties and the logistics of hosting the event virtually. Mr. Dunn concurred with Mr. Anthony's sentiments regarding the matter.

Mr. Grijalva expressed disappointment over the possibility of cancelling the event. He expressed that their organization has tried their best and made sacrifices to carry out their program despite the challenges of the pandemic. It is only proper to honor those who have strived and persevered.

Mr. Dunn made the motion to cancel the event, seconded by Mr. Hankins

The Committee voted unanimously to cancel the event.

Mr. Higgins suggested that the Committee start planning for next year's awards ceremony. Planning should include a contingency plan to accommodate hosting something virtual in case we are still faced with these same pandemic challenges. This planning should also include honoring those who were nominated in the last 2 years.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on October 13, 2021. Same format. (Virtual) Committee members will be notified with an invitation to the next meeting to include an agenda for the meeting and minutes of this meeting. Further planning for next year's awards ceremony will be included in the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Hankins. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 am.